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SUBJECT: ENQUIRIES ON POSSIBLE INDIAN TRACKING OF US SATELLITE  
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REF: STATE 168316

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM INDIAN PHYSICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY IN AHMEDABAD THAT IT IS NOW CONSTRUCTING HIGH GAIN ANTENNA TO RECEIVE SIGNALS FROM US SOLRAD PROJECT SATELLITE AND THAT CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. DR. RAGHVARAO AT THE LABORATORY INTENDS TO APPROACH GOI FOR APPROVAL TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH US NAVAL RESEARCH LAB WHICH NECESSARY BEFORE NRL CAN RELEASE DATA FROM SATELLITE FOR PICK UP BY INDIAN ANTENNA. EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING FROM INDIAN PRL IS THAT THIS IS PURELY SCIENTIFIC STUDY INVOLVING NO TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

2. ON BASIS OF INFO AVAILABLE FROM REFTEL AND INDIAN LABORATORY, EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROJECT OR TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN NRL AND PRL, BUT PROJECT MUST GO THROUGH NEWLY-ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES SET UP BY GOI FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH INDO-US PROJECTS EVEN THOUGH NO FUNDS INVOLVED AND WE MUST RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF GOI APPROVAL HERE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, THAT IN VIEW OF TIME-FACTOR INVOLVED, THE EARLIER THAT A FORMAL PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED THROUGH DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BY NRL TO GOI THE BETTER.

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WE ASSUME THAT INDIAN PRL WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTING FORMAL

PROPOSAL THROUGH ITS CHANNELS AS WELL BUT THIS DOES NOT  
OBVIATE OUR WISH TO ACT AS CHANNEL SO FAR AS US SCIENTIFIC  
AGENCY IS CONCERNED.  
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